

Contest Guidelines

POETRY

November 4, 2019 - March 27, 2020

YOUNG
WRITERS
CONTEST

Eligibility Guidelines

- Entrants must be in sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade.
- One entry per person.
- Only single-author poems written within the current school year are eligible.
- Children of judges and KET employees are not eligible.

Entry Procedure

- Complete the online entry form: KET.org/WritersContest
- Form must be submitted, and writing piece uploaded, by midnight EST March 27, 2020.

Word Count

- Poems should include between 25 and 250 words.
- The word count includes "a," "an," and "the."

Poem Format

- Student's full name and grade level must be included on a cover or title page, or at the top of the first page.
- All work should be the front of the page.
- Text should be typed.
- All poem elements should be original; copyrighted names are not allowed.
- All poems must be original, new creations. If the student is writing an homage to another work, that work must be mentioned, e.g., "in the style of *title* by *author* "
- Students may conference with parents, teachers, and peers on their work.

Poem Structure

- Poems should be identified as form or free verse, and will be scored according to the corresponding rubric.
- Form and Free Verse are defined as follows:

Form : poems follow specific rules about patterns of rhyme and/or meter, such as a sonnet

Free Verse : poems that *do not* follow specific rules about patterns of rhyme or meter